



TIME FOR A CHANGE IN ALBERTA

In ECA Post



President Harry Martin of the American Newspaper Guild will serve as labor adviser to European Co-operation Administrator Paul G. Hoffman.



PERSONAL STUFF

BY
E. E. R.

I've never been very good at guessing games. And that guess about the election date in this column last week was a little off the beam. Not much though. Premier Manning himself has been nominated in the past week. The newspapers have been told that an election announcement will be made this week. By the time you read this the Premier, who has been putting on an act like a small boy holding something behind his back to tease his companions, will have let us on his big secret. Then what? In the current issue of Maclean's Magazine the "Man With a Notebook" is commenting on the Alberta situation says "the once-radical Social Credit regime has come a long way since it fought the banks in the mid-30's. It has become eminently respectable. Alberta Conservatives . . . are almost openly supporting the Manning government—they believe it to be as Tory as any reasonable man need desire". That, from a Conservative periodical, should make Alberta voters blink. But the Maclean's writer put the thing on the Alberta people's doorstep with this paragraph: "The \$64 question in Alberta politics is this: Have the voters gone through the same process of change as their government?"

\$64 is putting it pretty cheaply. It's more like a billion dollar question. The Maclean's article, written by one of the magazine's own editors, tells of the "very good deal" given to the oil companies by the Social Credit government. That again is a masterpiece of understatement. It is something much more than a "very good deal". But it has made the government "eminently respectable" and "as Tory as any reasonable man need desire". Premier Aberhart in the famous "blue

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Medical Man Praises CCF Health Plan

OTTAWA—(CPA)—The tendency of some doctors to shun any approach to state medicine, may be modified considerably after reading the report of A. D. Kelly, M.B., assistant secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, on the Swift Current experiment in complete health insurance. The report appeared in "The Canadian Medical Association Journal" earlier this year, and it shows most effectively how the operation of Saskatchewan's Health Region No. 1 conforms to the principles of the C.M.A. laid down in 1947 in relation to health insurance.

Mr. Kelly describes the scope and benefits under the plan, the financing and administration and the participation of doctors. In the Swift Current region almost every possible medical and hospital care is made available to the residents, and dental care is provided for children under 16. It costs the typical family of four or more \$55 in personal taxes, plus a property tax of 2.2 mills on their land.

Doctors Well Reimbursed

The 34 doctors appear to do very well under the plan, though they are kept exceptionally busy. Only two, the radiologist and the public health officer, are on salary, and the rest receive an average gross income of \$11,807 on

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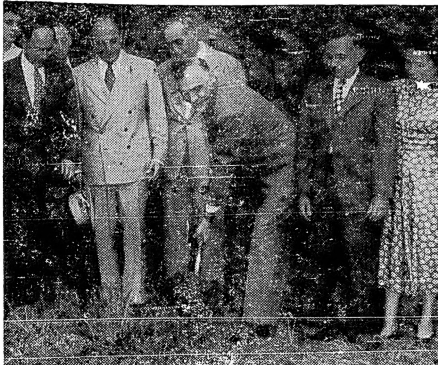
RADIO FUND IS DOWN THIS WEEK

Radio contributions this week failed to meet the week's expenditure, but the extra amount to be used next week is not large. \$86.35 came in during the past seven days. As we swing into the election campaign the radio fund will have many heavier calls on it. So keep money coming folks!

Following were the contributors in the past week:

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Breaking Ground



President Jacob S. Potofsky of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers breaks ground for the union's 10-million-dollar co-operative housing project in the Bronx, N.Y. The project will house 750 families, 50% veterans, at \$15 a room, lowest cost in the city.

Failed to Do the Right Thing at the Right Time

Because it failed to do the right thing at the right time, the Alberta government contributed largely to the failure of the federal government to meet the farmers' wishes in respect to the marketing of coarse grains, charged Elmer E. Roper, provincial leader of the C.C.F. in an address at Glendon last week.

"You will have noticed, of course," Mr. Roper said, "that it has not been necessary for Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan to make long and wordy explanations of the position of his government in respect to the marketing of coarse grains." He referred to the fact that during the regular 1948 session of the Saskatchewan legislature, enabling legislation was passed clearing the way, as far as that province was concerned, for any action the federal government might take to meet the wishes of the farmers. "Almost ever since then, the

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BIG ADVANCE IN COST OF LIVING

OTTAWA—(CPA)—Increase in the cost of living in cities across Canada is shown in a recent bulletin from the bureau of statistics. Montreal, Saskatoon and Vancouver have the doubtful honor of showing the most increase over their cost of living pre-war level, and all three cities show an advance larger than the general rise for the whole country.

May 1/47	May 1/48
Halifax	129.4
Saint John	130.6
Montreal	136.4
Toronto	131.2
Winnipeg	128.4
Saskatoon	135.1
Edmonton	129.6
Vancouver	132.6
Dominion	132.0

Saskatchewan

ASKS REVISION OF NEW HEALTH PLAN

REGINA—Premier T. C. Douglas, minister of health, has announced that the provincial government has informed the federal government of Saskatchewan's willingness to participate in the Dominion-wide \$30,000,000 health grant program, but is seeking a revision

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GREKUL IS NAMED S. PAUL CANDIDATE

Michael T. Grekul, secretary-treasurer of the Municipal District of St. Paul was unanimously named as C.C.F. candidate for the St. Paul provincial constituency at a large and enthusiastic convention at Glendon on Friday of last week.

Mr. Grekul was born on an Alberta farm, taught school for eight years and has been for several years in municipal work, serving as Secretary of the St. Vincent municipality before taking a similar position with the St. Paul district in 1945. Highly popular in the constituency Mr. Grekul is receiving enthusiastic support.

A. Lamothe, St. Paul, Reeve of the municipality of which Mr. Grekul is secretary, was elected as President of the constituency C.C.F. at the Glendon convention. E. Harper of Hoeselaw was named vice-president and Jack Wagner of Ardmore as secretary-treasurer. Following were elected as constituency board members: S. Pasak, J. Pratch, S. Gadusky, S. Philipschuk, E. Brennan, S. Yakamchuk, H. Gustason, C. Paul, E. Oberg, F. Melaney.

People Are Now Showing Impatience

"We are glad the people of the province are getting an opportunity this year to elect a new government," said Elmer E. Roper, provincial leader of the C.C.F., in commenting on the coming August election. "Everywhere I go in the province I hear the same thing, 'It is time for a change', the C.C.F. leader told the People's Weekly.

"The issues which are causing concern to the people of the province are those which the C.C.F. members have raised in the legislature, and which have been discussed by various organizations of the Alberta people", Mr. Roper said.

Growing in importance every day is the natural resources issue, the C.C.F. leader believes. "Every new story of additional oil production is serving to emphasize for Alberta people the fact that the wealth upon which their social credit was to be based is flowing in an ever-swelling stream into the coffers of the huge foreign oil corporations", he said.

Mr. Roper called attention to the fact that the late Premier Aberhart had warned against

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EDMONTON CANDIDATE



ART THORNTON,

city school teacher, is one of five candidates nominated by the Edmonton C.C.F. A former president of the Edmonton C.C.F., he is also a member of the Alberta Teachers' Association, the Ritchie Sunday School Board and secretary of the Deacons' Board, Strathcona Baptist Church. Keenly aware of his community responsibilities, he is a member of Ritchie Community League and secretary of the New Era Club. The other Edmonton candidates are Miss Mary R. Crawford, J. H. Dowler, Jack Hampton and Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., provincial leader.

Program Made For and By People

Roper Tells What a CCF Administration Will Do

LAST November more than three hundred men and women from every Alberta constituency, most of them farmers and farm women, met in Edmonton to hammer out a genuine people's program for the C.C.F. in this province. Prior to this provincial convention, there had been constituency conventions at which the needs and desires and opinions of the C.C.F. members and their neighbors had been assembled and sorted out. This material came before the provincial convention and was again considered from every possible angle, and finally hammered out into a provincial program. It was democracy at work. People from almost every walk of life, farmers, wage-earners, professional people and business men, were building a people's program.

It is this program for which the C.C.F. is asking your support in the coming election.

Because the C.C.F. recognizes the paramount importance of agriculture to the life and well-being of Alberta citizens, the adoption of a far-sighted agricultural policy designed to meet the needs of farm people, is in the forefront of the C.C.F. provincial program.

Our farm policy, which has been drafted and approved by the farm people who make up the bulk of our membership, calls first for rural electrification.

Electricity For Farms

Alberta has the greatest potential power resources of any province in Canada in our rivers, and in our almost unlimited supplies of coal and natural gas.

But in spite of this, Alberta has made less progress in the provision of rural electrification than any other province in Canada. This is because we have a provincial government that is opposed to the principle of public ownership.

In no country in the world has rural electrification been provided on any extensive scale except under public ownership.

The C.C.F. program is very definite on this point. It provides for "the immediate establishment of a provincial power system in Alberta under the principle of public ownership as demanded by every major farm and rural organization in the province."

Progress in Manitoba

Under the Manitoba Rural Electrification Commission five thousand new farm homes are getting electricity each year. The plans of the Commission call for the electrification of forty-three thousand farm homes within the first ten years of operation, and for the eventual extension to fifty-eight thousand.

While this is going on in Manitoba, the Alberta government in content with the spasmodic extension of rural lines to a few favored spots by the private companies at great cost to the farmers.

A C.C.F. government will establish a public power system and rural line extension will be made at no cost to the farmer.

Security of Tenure

Other features of the C.C.F. farm program provide the farmer with full protection on his home farm against seizure or eviction, in any year when the crop, through drought or other reasons beyond the control of the farmer, fails to provide a sufficient value to give the farmer a decent minimum standard of living.

The program also provides for greatly increased agricultural research and extension work, particularly in reference to livestock diseases which cause millions of dollars of loss to farmers each year.

A C.C.F. government will make an extensive survey of the province for the purpose of laying down a comprehensive, over-all plan of extension of irrigation services.

It is about time talk about such things gave way to action. I can assure you that you will get action if you elect a C.C.F. government.

Health Program

One of the questions most concerning Alberta families is that of health services. The other day an old gentleman hobbled into my office with the use of a cane and told me this personal experience. He said he had just got out of the University hospital in Edmonton that day. He had been there for three months. He had to go back again in a week or two. He said all his meagre savings had already been eaten up to pay hospital bills. But he said while he was in the hospital there was a man there from Saskatchewan. He too, was running up a bill of hundreds of dollars. But he didn't have to pay it. He had paid his \$5.00 fee in Saskatchewan and the government was paying his bill. "Mr. Roper," said my elderly visitor, "Why can't we have something like that in Alberta?"

I said we could have it in Alberta, and that we will have it, if the people elect a C.C.F. government.

Full Service Planned

That will be the first step of a C.C.F. government in its health

program. But we won't stop there. The C.C.F. program reads: "The C.C.F. goal is complete health services free to the individual in the way that the public schools are free. A C.C.F. government will initiate steps to this end (the hospital scheme being one of them) and will co-operate fully with the federal government in any feasible national health plan that may be devised."

I can assure the Alberta people that a C.C.F. government will proceed without delay to put into operation its health program and thus remove from Alberta homes the constant dread of crushing medical and hospital bills.

We believe the people of this province have reason to feel great concern about their roads. More than fifty million dollars have been spent in the past twelve years on roads, bridges and ferries. The cold, blunt fact is that we haven't fifty million dollars worth of roads to show for it.

Of the forty-three millions spent on roads alone, 35 millions of it has gone for main and secondary highways, only eight millions for district highways and local roads.

I make the very positive statement that much of the money spent on main highways has been wasted because of poor construction. Our so-called paved highways have not been built to last.

They have had to be rebuilt within two or three years after their completion. I give you the pledge on behalf of the C.C.F. that this wasteful procedure will stop under the C.C.F. government.

I drove more than five thousand miles over American roads earlier this year. I know that highways can be built so they will stand up. A C.C.F. government will obtain the assistance of the most capable highway and traffic engineers available on this continent to ensure that our road program will give the taxpayers of this province full value for their road dollars.

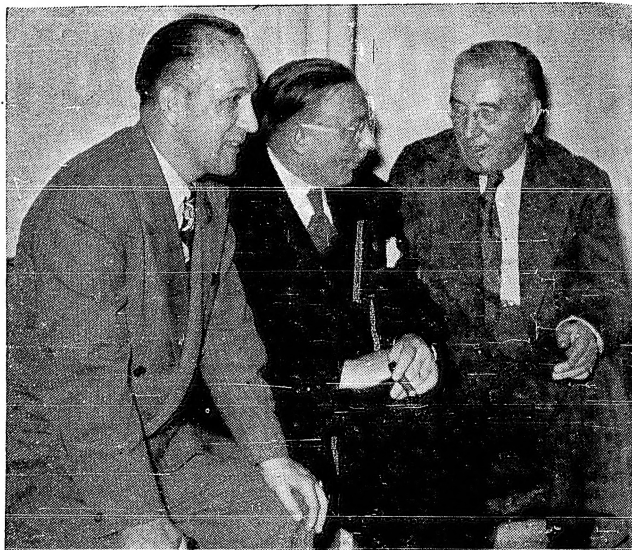
Not Good Enough

But the first and chief aim of C.C.F. government road policy will be to strike a better balance between expenditures on main and market roads. We don't underestimate the value to the province of good main highways. But local market roads are equally important. One dollar spent on the farmers' roads, for every five dollars spent on main highways, is not good enough.

In this respect the C.C.F. program reads: "The provision of larger grants to municipalities for the building of municipal highways and local market roads, as opposed to the present top-heavy spending on main highways."

I cannot emphasize too strongly the fact that the C.C.F. program in respect to these matters which are of vital concern to the farm people of the province, has been drafted by farm people themselves. If you will examine the C.C.F. program you will not find a single item in it that has come from the people of the province through their various organizations. Rural electrification along the lines of the C.C.F. program, for example, has received the endorsement of every farm group in the province. Our road program is the same as that of the farm groups. The farm and labor groups have endorsed the proposals which are in our health program, and so on. It is a people's program in every sense of the word.

WILL IT BE ALBERTA NEXT?



Clarence Fines, Provincial Treasurer of Saskatchewan, watches the score board which showed him topping the polls in Regina in the recent Saskatchewan election. With him are John Probe, M.P., and M. J. Coldwell, National Leader of the C.C.F.

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V-DAY FOR SOCIALISM

For Socialists the world over July 5th was V-day. It was thrilling news that came over the radio announcing state medicine for 47 million people on the British Isles. Of course, there were no headlines in the millionaire press of this event. Just a few lines buried in among the usual propaganda that passes for news these days. But for those of us who know the history of the long years of struggle by the early pioneers of the Socialist-labor movement for security against adversity in sickness, July 5th will go down as a red letter day.

Only those who have had the misfortune of being visited by sickness in their families can realize what it means to have access to full medical and hospital treatment irrespective of income or resources. What a load of worry and anxiety is removed from the minds of millions of mothers, the aged and the helpless who lived in constant dread of having to face doctors' bills on their meagre incomes. No one can calculate how often death will be cheated because medical services are available to the poor as well as the rich, how many youngsters will grow up strong and healthy, how many years will be added to the lives of generations to come because medical treatment, like education, is available to all.

Neither is there a record of all the champions of state medicine from Keir Hardie to this day who have cultivated the ground for this great achievement, who have in countless meetings in union halls and on soapboxes pleaded and argued for security against the dread of sickness. What faith and inspiration these early Socialists must have had in their cause to work against almost insurmountable odds and prejudices! If there ever is a date in the calendar that is worthy of commemorating as a national thanksgiving, the 5th of July certainly is worthy of being a national holiday in Britain.

To those of us in other parts of the British Commonwealth where such goals are still in the distance, this Socialist victory will serve as encouragement and inspiration to carry on in the spirit of those British pioneers who broke the ground for this achievement without speculating when the people would reap the fruit of their harvest.

It can serve us as an illustration of the importance and effectiveness of political action as a weapon for social security. It should strengthen our faith in democracy. For this victory is a political victory of Labor in Great Britain. No shots were fired to win this measure of security. No general strikes were called. It was won by the intelligent use of the secret ballot. Whenever the British workers were ready to send to the House of Parliament their own representatives on a program of social security they got results. How many times had they disappointed their vote between Tories and Liberals in a false hope that their interests would be considered only to be betrayed time and time again?

Isn't it time that we Canadians learned the obvious lesson and sent to our legislative bodies our own representatives charged with a program of social security measures so long denied and so sorely

The People Speak

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ANTI-CO-OP

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Proof that the Co-operative movement has never received more than lip service from our Social Credit government is indisputable. To substantiate this statement let me give you some of the facts on which I base this charge:

1. The passing of a resolution in the Legislature on March 15th, 1945, which recommended that all Co-operatives be taxed.

2. The trouble and expense the Social Credit government went to in publishing and distributing a report on the activities of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, which was not founded on facts.

3. The attitude taken by the Social Credit cabinet when the Condensery at Red Deer was closed down, (with every indication that this valuable asset might be lost to its farmer members).

4. The difficulty experienced by this Co-operative in obtaining a Creamery license to operate in Red Deer as an alternate operation to the Condensery.

5. The comparative ease with which a line company was granted a license to operate a Creamery in Bowden, compelling the Dairy Pool to pull out of this town.

6. Their insisting on establishing branches of their politically sponsored Poultry organization, in territory which had been well served for years by the C.A.D.P.

The foregoing I am prepared to prove if challenged.

GEO. MacSHANE,

Red Deer, Alberta.

COMPARES HEALTH SERVICES

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: An accident here recently in a ball game that had serious possibilities brought home to some of those watching the difference in health and accident service between Saskatchewan and Alberta.

With an election campaign in progress Alberta government members are busy attempting to prove that there is something in the C.C.F. idea of government that is likely to destroy liberty. But in its first term in office that government has made health services within the reach of every citizen of Saskatchewan and for a figure that is again within reach. A flying ambulance is ready at any time to get sick and accident victims to medical centres and care.

That is good government and the kind of liberty that is real. Thousands of residents of the north many miles from such service can appreciate what this means by the very contrast. Saskatchewan people do not seem to

needed? What are we waiting for?

have denied themselves any of the necessities of life to provide this essential to modern living.

This failure alone should condemn the Alberta government.

WALTER PIONTEK,
Wandering River,

THOROUGHLY DISGUSTED WITH S. C.

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: For a long time I have had a notion to write to the People's Weekly. Last Saturday I heard Mr. Liesemer over the radio. I certainly agreed with him. Many times over the radio I have heard them call the straight common working man a Communist. I am sick and tired of listening to such propaganda. The majority of the Canadian people are not Communists at all. But if people listen to such propaganda they become Communists.

I have heard Mr. Manning speak over the radio calling people Communists. I don't want to listen to him any more. I don't even turn on the radio now when I know that Manning is on the air.

A BOYLE FARMER.

HE WON HIS BET

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: About two years ago my neighbor and I were arguing about our C.C.F. government not taking off the 2 per cent education tax and another fellow said, "The next government in Saskatchewan will be a Social Credit government", and I said I will bet you \$5.00 to \$1.00 that not one Social Creditor is elected at the next provincial election. I won and I never despair of winning in the two years and have said many times that that dollar and our hopes were going to make Alberta win whenever their election came around.

I do not know when your election is coming but hope you are ready which the C.C.F. never is because they are too scattered to be well organized anytime and although it is a workers' movement it is surprising how many workers let Liberal, Conservative and Social Credit movements influence them when none of these movements are workers' movements. The only democratic workers' movement in Canada I believe is the C.C.F.—So let us tell every worker where their own interests are.

Here is the \$1.00 and the \$5.00 I bet as well.

I hope that the people will study just a little before they mark their ballots. If they understand political parties just a little I know what the result will be: A C.C.F. government and no after regrets. So, Hurrah boys!

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By H. ZELLA SPENCER

The New Brunswick elections came and went. Perhaps they would seem a subject better left unnoticed as the results were not what we could have wished. But I think we need to remind ourselves of our disappointments as well as of our successes and realize we shall have both as we go along. Also we must realize there is much work for us to do and for those who come after us before we can accomplish what we wish to make the lives of the people of this Canada of ours fuller and richer in every sense. The task seems gigantic and our country so big—so big it is made up of many worlds in a sense. Fortunately, however, the sense of responsibility for our fellow man is developing; although some impressions might be that we grow more ruthless, more pitiless.

Travelling across the country reveals worlds of very different physical appearances. When looking from a train window and noticing the different surroundings which go to make "home" for different people with an appeal greater in some senses than for any other, regardless of its beauty and charm, one cannot but be struck with the thought that the human heart has many varied appreciations.

Travelling from the East may mean seeing communities of park-like beauty with rich meadows and a few great trees. It may mean again stretches with great rocks which afford scanty growth or it may mean mile after mile of forests of small trees interspersed with lakes and streams. Then it means coming again to our prairies and we laugh again to see our first gopher duck down into its hole.

Of course travellers are sup-

posed to have many tales to tell and if they are without someone to check them, sometimes have been known to draw a little on their imagination, and people wonder if all their tales are true. Knowing this to be the case, I thought I would check up so I copied the quotation I saw.

I had heard that N. E. James, one of our Social Credit M.L.A.'s, had written his autobiography, and I knew a copy would be in the Parliamentary Library as all Canadian books must be. I had heard of his reference to the \$25.00 a month promise so I looked it up and this is what I read: "And while I am on the subject, I might as well get rid of the stupid fabrication that we went around promising everybody \$25 a month if they voted for us. As far as I know, that was never done by the least responsible of candidates."

Now do you know of any taller travellers' tale than that?

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SOCIAL SECURITY FOR BRITONS

JULY 5th saw the inauguration of the British Labor government's "Cradle to the Grave" social security measure which banishes the spectre of want and the fear of want from the homes of British workers.

Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, writing of the new social services and the great advance in housing, says: "The effect of all these measures is to give people a share of the national product in accordance with their need. . . . The wages system is maintained as a stimulus to production, a traditional relationship between the worker and his industry; but distributivist activities undermine the worst consequences of inequality".

Speaking for the social service measures when they were introduced into the House of Commons, Jim Griffiths, M.P., said:

"To those who profess to fear that security will weaken the moral fibre and destroy self-respect, let me say this: It is not security that destroys but insecurity. It is the fear of tomorrow that paralyzes the soul. Security in adversity will, I believe, release our people from the haunting fears of yesterday, and will make tomorrow not a day to dread but a day to welcome. I believe that security will release their gifts and energies for the services of the nation. . . . It will have to be nurtured, it will have to be safeguarded from abuse, and it will have to be paid for. I know full well that Social Security can only be established on a sound economic foundation. This Bill and this scheme represent an act of faith, of trust in the British people.

THEY'RE TO BLAME

PREMIER Manning and Hon. Lucien Maynard probably thought they were doing something very politically clever in making the farm leaders of the province take the responsibility of saying whether or not there should be a special session of the legislature to deal with the coarse grains issue. If they said yes, it would be putting the taxpayers to the useless expense of a special session which couldn't accomplish anything because of Manitoba's refusal to hold a similar session. If they said no, the government could use it as political propaganda, which it has already done.

But the Attorney General's tricks are catching up to him. He underestimates the intelligence of the Alberta farmer. It is obvious, as the C.C.F. leader has said, that if the Alberta legislature had passed enabling legislation last March, the federal government would have been compelled to do something about coarse grains marketing or take all the blame for the failure to meet the farmers' wishes.

The Manitoba and Alberta governments have been as much to blame for inaction on the coarse grains issue as the federal government. They have been trying to cover up their failure by long and involved excuses and explanations which have fooled nobody.

DISHONEST COMPARISON

TYPICAL of the kind of campaign carried on by Alberta Social Credit speakers in Saskatchewan was their reference to grants made in the two provinces to rural municipalities.

The Social Credit speakers showed from official records that grants to individual Alberta municipalities were higher than those made to individual municipalities in Saskatchewan. What they failed to mention was the fact that there are 60 municipal districts in Alberta and 303 in Saskatchewan. Alberta rural municipalities are approximately five times as large as those in Saskatchewan.

To make an honest comparison the grants to one municipal district in Alberta should be compared with those to five rural municipalities in Saskatchewan. But a little discrepancy like that isn't anything to worry a good Social Credit campaigner.

A LOCAL PHENOMENON

IT IS amusing to note that the "On-to-Ottawa" slogan is still being featured by the Canadian Social Creditor. In 1938 the Social Credit candidates in the Saskatchewan provincial election polled 69,000 votes. In the 1948 election they polled 37,000 votes. At that rate—taking one step forward and two back—their "On-to-Ottawa" trek as it has developed so far is not likely to inspire Mr. Low with much hope of ever being the Prime Minister of Canada.

The fact is, as Mr. Cook said a week ago, the Canadian Social Credit movement was born in Alberta and will die here. And, as was said of another political party phenomenon in British politics, it has the characteristics of the mule—with no pride of ancestry and no hope of posterity.

THE THIRD COLUMN

NO RESTING ON OARS

Sam Watson, British Labor Party officer, who visited Canada last year, in a letter to David Lewis:

"Victory in politics has its responsibilities and its lessons. The one thing we cannot afford to do is rest on our oars. The work must go on and more and more workers must accept their share if consolidation for further success has to be accomplished.

"Socialism isn't round the corner. It doesn't come home with the groceries. It's the end of your 'spade', and you have to dig deep and regular if you want to make it grow.

"Both here and in Canada our Parties are digging well and when one sees the victory of the C.C.F. honored by a leader in the Times, one feels a glow in the heart and has the knowledge that our cause is marching into the future."



DUTIES AS WELL AS RIGHTS

Prime Minister Attlee at recent British Labor Party Conference:

"Perhaps we realize that the road is longer than we thought in the eager days of the youth of the Movement. But this does not depress me, for in the Socialist Movement our reach must always exceed our grasp, for we are content with no low ideal.

"I believe the greatest task which lies ahead of all of us in the Labour and Socialist Movement is to see to it that the citizen's sense of obligation to the community keeps pace with the changes we are effecting in the structure of society.

"We need to stress duties as well as rights, for the social revolution which we are peacefully bringing about not merely in institutions but in the hearts and minds of men and women."



THE ADVERTISERS' GRIP

John Crosby, in the Atlantic Monthly:

"Despite any impressions to the contrary, radio has attracted some extraordinary creative, intelligent, and energetic young men who struggle valiantly against hopeless odds to make radio realize its own potentialities. Perhaps the most heartening sign of all is the fact that some of radio's severest critics are in radio, not outside it. The violence of their dissatisfaction cannot help doing some good. But before much progress can be made, the broadcasters will have to loosen the grips the advertisers now hold on programs and exercise some editorial supervision over the shows they broadcast. It won't be easy. Ten years ago, CBS laid down a code of standards governing children's programs, designed to meet the complaints of mothers and parent-teacher societies. Within a year, CBS had lost all its sponsored children's programs and it hasn't got any of them back yet. The advertisers brook no interference in their control of programming."

FOOTPRINTS

By Their Fruits

BY J. P. GRIFFIN



"So will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them."

A T ELECTION time most parties are painfully conscious of their broken election promises, and do not like to be reminded of them. A typical Tory solution to the problem is, not that promises should be kept, but, that none should be made!

A Liberal campaign advertisement in 1945 portrayed a young couple "standing in front of a beautiful, charming home. The young bride in rapture exclaims, with her hands clasped, 'What! you're buying that lovely little home for only \$13.82 a month?'

The answer is, 'Yes—\$13.82 a month pays interest and principal on a \$3,000 home under the Liberal housing plan.' The advertisement goes on, 'Yes—it's true! You can have an attractive home of your very own. Putter around the garden. It's all yours to live in and enjoy. What a break for young couples and older folk who never thought they could afford to own their own homes. These Liberal government plans are now a FACT. There are laws already on the statute book—not visions of some ideal "state" twenty-five years away. They are for you—and now. No matter where you live you will be able to reside in a comfortable home of which you can be proud.' (Hansard May 20th, 1945).

It would be quite unfair to argue that the election promises made by the Liberal and Social Credit governments are inten-

tionally broken. Even they are not stupid enough to tie to their supporters in this way on purpose. Why then are such promises broken?

The answer is simple and clear: A promise can only be kept by one who has the power to keep it. We all know by personal experience of the danger of making promises for someone else to keep. We know how unsatisfactory the practice can be, and we learn only to make promises for our selves.

This is what monopoly-supporting governments never seem to learn. The power to 'keep the federal housing promises rests with those who own the materials from which houses are made. Monopolies insist on getting ever higher and higher prices for their products; therefore fewer and fewer houses are built, and more and more Liberal promises are broken. So too, in Alberta, the broken because the government has surrendered to the Imperial Oil Company, the power to pay for education out of revenue from oil.

When you and I as joint owners of Canadian industry use the power which that ownership will give us to meet the cost of living, then we shall be able to enjoy that security and freedom which every generation has promised itself that it would pass on to its children.

The first hog at the trough is generally the biggest. Look at the C.P.R. for example. But should not men live by the laws of brotherhood, rather than by the laws of the barnyard?

Whose Election Is It?

By J. E. COOK
President, Alberta C.C.F.

THERE has been a lot of speculation about an election date for a provincial election in this province. It has become very irksome and irritating to the Hon. Premier.

Last week he was quoted as saying there was no use in his denying any given day or date as "they" would merely pick another. There was a certain suggestion of peevishness about the Premier's reaction.

It has always been a custom in Canada for the government in power to set the election year and date. Constitutionally there is no need for an election in Alberta this year. There is no need for an election on any grounds of immediate administration crisis.

But to many of us the government seems to be falling apart seriously. The seams have been getting pretty frayed even if there is no single issue that demands a new mandate from Alberta people right away.

'Foul Sort!

But the Premier seems to feel that this speculation as to the date of an election is the fault of some other "ambitious, office-seeking, politicians", with some "silly" intentions. Foul sort of fellows who ought to be completely abolished from the Alberta scene!

Likely it is a communist socialist scheme, hatched in some suburban back room with the subversive idea of letting the people of Alberta exercise their democratic rights.

Impending Disaster

The election clamor is a reflection of the uneasy thinking of the Alberta electorate. There is a feeling of impending disaster. It may be due to a whole series of happenings. It may not be subversive impudence that Alberta people are suggesting a vote a year ahead of constitutional necessity. It may be that the government themselves are in a bigger hurry than the people.

Even with this modern Pitt, the younger, as premier, there is some uneasiness about the operation of the Treasury Branches of his department. A free look for the people who own them was denied in the last session of the legislature. There is a very lively trade in hotel licenses in this province that arouses suspicion of a racket.

Disturbed Over Welfare Report

The welfare department has come under Royal Commission scrutiny and much that has happened there has given a sort of nauseated feeling to the general public. The action of the Attorney General's Department in prosecuting under a quibble caused the Dominion government to enact

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C.C.F. NEWS

NOMINATING CONVENTION
 Alberta constituency convention on Saturday, July 17th at Colinton Community Hall 2 p.m. followed by evening public meeting 8:30 p.m. Elmer E. Roper, provincial leader will be the speaker.

Peace River Federal Convention
 at Rycroft on Saturday, July 17th at 1:30 p.m. followed by evening public meeting. Ernie Cook will attend.

Grouard C.C.F. Constituency Association will hold a nominating convention at Farmers' Hall, High Prairie, Monday afternoon, July 19. J. E. Cook, provincial president, will speak at a public meeting in the evening.

McCLOY CHAIRMAN P.A.C. IN ALBERTA

OTTAWA (CPA)—"The Canadian Congress of Labor has decided to appoint its Regional Representative in Alberta, Thomas McCloy, as Acting Chairman of the C.C.F. Political Action Committee in the Province of Alberta."

This announcement was made today by Pat Conroy, Secretary-Treasurer of the Congress.

Mr. Conroy added that an election in Alberta was expected in the near future, and that because of the adverse trade union legislation recently passed by the Alberta Provincial Government, the Congress and its unions in Alberta were taking appropriate political action to defend the rights of the workers in this province, as well as in others.

C.C.F. BASKET PICNIC AT LAC LA NONNE JULY 21

C.C.F. organizations in the Pembina constituency are holding a picnic at Kildeer Beach, Lac La Nonne, Wednesday, July 21. Members are asked to bring a basket dinner to be served at noon. There will be swimming, lots of boats available, games and ice cream. Let's have all parts of the constituency represented — T. F.

"Please, sir, will you help me?" implored the beggar. "Will you give me a dollar?"

"A dollar!" exclaimed the prosperous looking gentleman. "That is a lot of money."

"Well, explained the beggar, "I'm putting all my begs in one askit."

Just a Minute!

By A. J. E. LIESEMER, M.L.A.

Social Credit leaders get more like the other old line parties every day. They have now adopted the old line tactics of "divide and rule".

To city people the monopolists say that high prices are due to tremendous increases in the returns on farm products. To farm people they say that increasing wages put up prices. But farmers and city people in the C.C.F. know that neither wages nor farm prices ever keep pace with the excess profits of a monopoly-planned economy.

For some time we have been told that the C.C.F. is purely a western farmers' party and can never win federal power for that reason. Now that Ontario has proven that the C.C.F. wins the support of cities too, Social Credit leaders and their monopoly-minded newspaper helpers are saying that the C.C.F. is only a labor party. But the farmers of Saskatchewan and Yale, B.C., and the cities of both Saskatchewan and Vancouver Centre, have shown that people in both farm and city recognize that the C.C.F. alone works for all the people against the monopolies that have ruled the people too long.

No longer can the people be divided against each other for the benefit of the wealthy masters.

U.S. GROUP MAKES CO-OP FARM STUDY

REGINA, (CPA)—The findings of Mr. Henrik F. Infield, who was sent to Saskatchewan two years ago by an American group, the Rural Settlement Institute, to study co-operative farming, have now been published in booklet form.

Mr. Infield's observations were originally published in the Year Book of Agricultural Co-operation. From them he draws four conclusions, which are, briefly, as follows:

Fill Essential Need

Saskatchewan's co-op farms are not utopian. That is, their members are not bent on demonstrating the truth of an ideology, but resort to co-operation in response to essential needs that cannot be satisfied by individuals acting alone.

They develop into a social and political environment which is sympathetic.

They mark the first coherent trend towards the co-operative farm in a cultural pattern which was assumed to be adverse to anything but individual farming.

And even in their initial stage, these farms reveal the basic use to which co-operation can be put in the rural economy.

Even A Woman.....!

By MARY R. CRAWFORD, President, Provincial Women's Committee

MARY R. LIESEMER wrote (People's Weekly, May 29) "The Social Credit cabinet has given good government—for the Big Shots." He backed this up with ten points of evidence. Premier Manning tried to answer this charge (Social Credit Hour, April 3rd). He failed, as I have been showing, item by item, in this column.



One of Mr. Liesemer's points which Mr. Manning didn't even touch on was this: "Alberta motorists have been regimented into the greedy grasp of the 'international financiers' who control the insurance companies." He couldn't. It is a hot potato. Even a woman, certainly one who pays the cost of operating a car, knows why.

\$57 vs. \$32

Saskatchewan has Automobile Accident Insurance. If I lived in Saskatchewan I would pay for a car license, a driver's license, and a co-operative compulsory six dollars—a total of \$32. For that I would have protection for myself and all my fellow citizens without resort to the courts.

Today, in Alberta, I pay for the two licenses, a compulsory one dollar to build up a 100,000 dollar fund and an additional thirty dollars to a private insurance company—total, \$57 dollars. Even a very simple person knows the difference between 32 and 57.

Also, in the event of an accident I might have to resort to the courts to collect damages. If you want to know just how clumsy the Alberta law is, read the article in the Social Creditor, July 8, 1948—an article written to make clear the meaning of the Alberta Act.

Alberta Compulsion Costly

In 1947 the farmers' organizations urged the government to introduce a system of compulsory automobile insurance. The answer was: "Your government is strongly opposed to methods of compulsion." So instead of six dollars worth of compulsion as in Saskatchewan, they gave us one dollar worth of compulsion and another thirty dollars worth of compulsion, or more, in favor of the private insurance companies. For, under the present law no one would feel easy about operating a car without complete coverage. There is no defence for this policy, in terms of the welfare of all the people.

I was about to write that the Automobile Accident Indemnity Act of Alberta is the "Achilles

heel" of the Social Credit government, but a second glance at all their legislation since 1944 shows it to be about eighty per cent vulnerable right heels. Yes, Liesemer is correct. They have handed the people over to the Big Shots.

W. HANSON HEADS BRUCE ASSOCIATION

By Correspondent

W. Hanson of Viking was elected president of the Bruce C.C.F. Constituency Association at a nominating convention meeting at Holden Monday. T. A. Moen, Tofield, was named vice-president and Mrs. M. E. Thorsley, Ryley, secretary-treasurer.

Directors are Messrs. E. Kochli, Daysland; John Heslop, Viking; R. Booth, Ryley; B. B. Starky, Bruce; Chris. Sorenson, Holden; S. Williams, Sedgewick; S. Lefsrud, Viking; O. Chetney, Holden; Ed. Thompson, Viking; Don Macgregor, Holden; Miss E. Hanson, Viking.

Delegates to Provincial Convention: Messrs. O. Holmberg, E. Kochli, Chris. Bugge, E. A. Moen, Mrs. Kochli. Substitutes: Messrs. S. Pentland, B. B. Starky, H. Hagerson, J. Heslop.

At the Nominating Convention with Mr. W. Hanson as chairman, Mr. B. B. Starky of Bruce was chosen as C.C.F. candidate for Bruce constituency by acclamation.

A. J. A. Liesemer, M.L.A., Calgary, was guest speaker for the convention and at a public meeting at 8 p.m. Mr. Liesemer is an interesting speaker, easy to listen to and there was a large attentive audience to hear him.

Mr. Liesemer stated that the C.C.F., if elected, will reduce taxes, will give farm security legislation, will give rural students the same opportunity as other students; will provide hospitalization; rural electrification under public ownership asked for by almost all societies.

The Co-operative Movement means working together for the common good, he said. The essence of Christianity is helping the other fellow. We want the people of Alberta in the C.C.F., then man will be brother of man, and not master and servant, he said.

During the meeting Mr. John Heslop, chairman, introduced the C.C.F. candidate, B. B. Starky of Bruce, to the meeting. Mr. Starky spoke briefly, promising to do his utmost to win the election, and asked support of all to back him up.

Mrs. M. E. Thorsley acted as secretary of the meeting.

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From the Cradle to the Grave

BY AIR MAIL

By KENNETH C. RATHBONE

THE third anniversary of the election of the Labor Government, July 5, 1948, was Britain's Independence Day—the day when the cradle to the grave social security legislation came fully into operation. The battle which started when Charles Dickens wrote "Oliver Twist" in 1837 is now being won.

A maternity grant of \$16.00 will be paid when a child is born. A mother who is insured under the scheme will also get a maternity allowance of \$7.20, and mothers not eligible for this will get an attendance allowance of \$4.00 for four weeks.

Family allowances of \$1.00 a week will be paid to the mother for each child except the eldest or an only child. A special weekly allowance of \$2.40 will be paid for an orphan who has lost both parents.

Jobless Benefit

Unemployment benefit of \$5.20 a week will be paid to single men and women 18 years old and over and \$8.40 to a married couple, with \$1.60 for the first child. Lower rates will be paid to persons 17 and under, with extra allowances for those who have dependents to support. These benefits will be paid for 30 weeks but this period may be extended by a local tribunal in case of need.

Sickness benefit at these same rates as unemployment benefit will

be paid as long as an illness lasts.

Industrial Injuries

Industrial injuries payments will replace those made under workmen's compensation regulations, in the case of accidents which happen after July 5. Payments fixed according to the degree of disability will range up to \$9.00 a week, plus \$3.20 for a wife, and \$1.50 for the first child. Cases of total and permanent disability will, in addition to these amounts, be able to claim a constant attendance allowance and a hardship or unemployment allowance.

If a disabled person dies a parent who has been maintained largely by him or her will be entitled to a death benefit.

Death grants towards funeral or other expenses will be \$80 for an adult, and lesser amounts for children of various ages down to \$24 for a child under 3.

Payments to Widows

Widows will receive \$7.20 a week, plus \$1.50 for a first child, for 13 weeks after the husband's death. After 13 weeks they will get \$5.20, plus \$1.50 for the first or eldest child until the youngest leaves school. Childless widows after receiving the \$7.20 a week for the first 13 weeks will, if unable to support themselves or re-marry, receive \$5.20 a week until they are eligible for a retirement pension.

Retirement Pension

A retirement pension is paid to a man stopping work when he reaches the age of 65. A single man gets \$5.20 a week and a married man gets an extra \$3.20 for his wife. A woman insured in her own right gets \$5.20 a week when

she reaches the age of 60.

Translated directly into foreign currencies without regard to different prices and costs of living these amounts may appear small, but in Great Britain they do provide a moderate minimum on which future increases can be based when circumstances and national production and finances justify it.

Weekly Contributions

Compulsory weekly contributions to the scheme in respect of each employed man are: 95c by the man himself, 85c by the employer on account of each employee, and the State, 41c. Contributions for employed women and juveniles are on a lower scale. Self-employed persons have to pay a slightly higher rate to cover some of the contributions normally paid by an employer, and non-employed persons, who are not entitled to unemployment benefit or industrial injuries payments, pay a smaller contribution.

A reciprocal social insurance treaty between France and Great Britain ensures that a national of either country can take his social insurance benefits with him if he takes up residence in the other country.

This is an example of real and practical international economic co-operation which it is hoped to extend to some British Commonwealth countries as well.

Free Health Service

The new National Health Service is not an insurance scheme. It is free to all without payment of contributions and includes, among other things free medical treatment by a doctor of one's own choice



Grace is said by children of the village of Fen Ditton, Cambridgeshire, England. Before each child is a glass of milk, supplied free every day.

with specialist and hospital attention when required, midwifery, maternity, child welfare, free provision of medicine or spectacles and other instruments prescribable. The hospitals have been nationalized and are under the control of regional management boards.

Those whose needs are not met by any of the above benefits or services will be able to apply for National Assistance. This will take the form of direct financial assist-

ance in case of need and provision of homes for old people who do not wish to live alone and who will pay part of the expense from their retirement pensions. Under this National Assistance relief of destitution becomes a national responsibility and is no longer a charge on municipal authorities, which meant in the past that some poorer municipalities were burdened with heavy relief costs whilst the more wealthy residential areas almost escaped.

CLERGY, WORKERS GETTING TOGETHER

NEW YORK—Members of the clergy, church executives, religious education leaders and laymen of all faiths have been invited to meet for the sixth annual Industrial Relations Institute for Church Leaders, at the University of Wisconsin, July 11-24.

The Institute, held to acquaint church leaders with the problems and needs of workers through study of industrial situations and association with workers themselves, is sponsored and directed by the University of Wisconsin School for Workers, with the co-operation of national religious organizations.

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JOLLIFFE SCORES RESTRICTIVE LAW

TORONTO, (CPA)—Speaking at the annual garden party of the Ontario Woodworth Memorial Foundation, E. B. Jolliffe, K.C., M.P.P., Ontario C.C.F. Leader, condemned the Ontario Supreme Court judgment validating an agreement which restricted the sale of a parcel of land to persons of certain racial origins. He served notice that the C.C.F. will reintroduce the bill of rights turned down by the Drew government at the last session of the legislature.

Mr. Jolliffe said: "Only a few weeks ago the Ontario Legislature had an opportunity to pass a bill of rights assuring to all residents of this province equality before the law.

"What was the answer of the Attorney-General and the Ontario Government? Their answer was that such legislation is not necessary in Ontario. Whether from complacency, ignorance or hypocrisy, they just couldn't see the point.

"Yet a few days ago we find a justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario upholding the validity of a restrictive covenant—a covenant which bars certain people from purchasing certain land, solely for racial reasons.

"This decision has been a great shock to people who believe that Canada is a democracy and that this country is loyal to the principles of British fair play and lofty ideals of the Atlantic Charter."

"Tell me what you eat and I'll tell you what you are," said a lunch counter philosopher. Whereupon a meek little man, sitting a few stools away, called to the waitress "Cancel my order for shrimp salad, please."

CORRECTION

A typographical error occurred in the article by Premier T. C. Douglas, "Religion and the C.C.F." which appeared in the June 26 issue of the People's Weekly. The quotation from the Papal Encyclical of Pope Pius XI, should have read: "It is rightly contended that certain forms of property must be reserved to the state since they carry with them an opportunity for domination too great to be left to private individuals without injury to the community at large." It appeared in the People's Weekly as: "certain forms of property must be reserved from the state," which was obviously incorrect.

BRITISH EXPORTS REACHING TARGET

LONDON, England—Record United Kingdom export figures were announced on June 8 by Mr. Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade. He disclosed that provisional returns for May showed a total of about \$130,000,000—with only one exception, 28 years ago, the highest value in Britain's trading history.

If it had not been for the Whitson holidays, exports would have reached a rate of something like \$135,000,000 or nearly 140 per cent of prewar exports—by volume, not value. This is the export target set by United Kingdom industry for the end of June.

Mr. Wilson also said that Britain's imports in May were somewhat lower than the very high March and April figures, but still considerably in excess of exports. This was due in no small measure to the continually rising level of world prices.

BRITISH CO-OPS CUT THEIR PRICES

By KENNETH C. RATHBONE
LONDON, England.—The National Co-operative Authority, which comprises representatives of the manufacturing, wholesale and retail sections of the British Co-operative Movement, has responded to the Labor government's appeal for reduced prices by recommending that steps be taken to reduce production costs of co-operative goods and the reduction of prices of co-operative and other commodities on sale in the 25,000 co-operative retail shops.

Co-operators will ask the government to compel private traders to make corresponding reductions if they do not do so voluntarily. Co-operative shops, however, have such a large share in British retail trade that their action must force most private competitors to follow their example, or lose customers who would be drawn away by the cheaper co-operative prices.

The Co-operative Movement is also asking the government to reduce the purchase tax on essential goods, to re-introduce the subsidies on leather, and textile and other clothing, and to increase allocations of certain commodities to co-operative societies to enable them to meet the demands of increasing membership.

Co-ops Get Large Share
One in four of all the people in Britain now get their rationed foods from a co-operative store. Retail sales exceed \$400,000,000 annually and dividends returned to members is more than \$25,000,000 annually. Reduced prices may mean lower dividends returned to consumers but there will be no heavy cuts in dividends.

British wholesale and retail co-operative societies employ about 305,000 workers.

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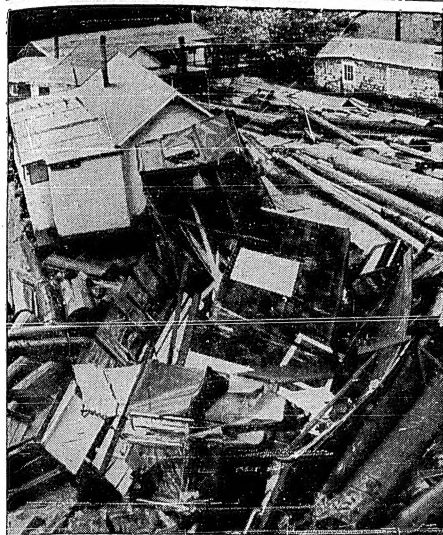
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Labor Political Action

By Publicity Director, C.C.L.

FOR the first time in the history of Alberta, Labor is taking political action as an organized force. When we consider that for many years politics were rigorously excluded from the trade union movement we naturally ask: Why the change?

Strike action has long been considered as labor's only weapon in the fight for higher wages and better conditions. Political action was frowned upon, since it was alleged that it might prejudice an elected government against the cause of organized labor, but recent events have proven that labor does not have to take political action in order to have repressive legislation enacted against them. In fact, recent events have proven that only by taking political action can organized labor fight anti-labor laws.

Attempt to Weaken Unions

All over this continent a vast campaign has been directed against organized labor. The Taft-Hartley Law in the United States, Bill 39 in British Columbia, ultraviolent laws in the Maritimes, as

well as Bill 91 in Alberta are all part of this campaign to weaken the trade unions, and lower the standards of living of the people, so that the profits of monopoly can be further increased at our expense.

But this campaign has taught labor two things. First, that our local difficulties are part of a continent-wide pattern, and second, that the battle is being fought, not at the collective bargaining level, but at the law-making level. Consequently, organized labor must transfer its activities from the field where strike action is their weapon, to the wider field where only political action can win. Labor must have a voice in the legislature.

Back C.C.F. Program

The Canadian Congress of Labor Unions in Alberta have chosen the C.C.F. party to be their voice in the next legislature, and their aim is to assist in the election of a C.C.F. government. This is being done because the C.C.F. has a labor program and a Social Security program substantially the same as those of organized labor. Moreover, it has not been forgotten that Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., Provincial Leader of the C.C.F., and Aylmer Liesemer, C.C.F. M.L.A., from Calgary, fought vigorously against the passage of the anti-labor Bill 91 and had previously supported the claims of trade union spokesmen when they made their legislative proposals. Thus it is plain that a C.C.F. government must be elected to carry on a positive constructive program in the interests of all Albertans.

The C.C.L. is aware of the fact that their campaign will bring down a barrage of criticism from certain sections. Every device which Big Business has previously used to defeat progress will be used again. Attempts will be made, as they were during the Alberta Farmers Union non-delivery strike, to cause a split between farmers, white collar workers and industrial workers. The charge of Bolshevism will be hurled at each and every progressive. A great deal of money will be spent in this way to confuse the public on the issue at stake in this election, namely—Are the people to get progressive legislation, or must they remain subservient to Big Business and the Old Line parties?

ONTARIO'S YOUNGEST M.L.A.



REID SCOTT

Youngest member to be elected to the Ontario legislature, 21-year-old Reid Scott recently graduated in Political Science and Economics from the University of Toronto. In the fall he will enter Osgoode Hall taking a law course. He was elected in Toronto-Beaches riding.

Reid paid for his education by driving an ice-truck in summer and so has first hand knowledge of problems of labor. He is now a member of the Toronto Labor Council, and a secretary of one of its locals.

Reid has always been actively concerned with the people and problems of this riding. He has been closely connected with church and boys' work, as president of the Beaches Presbyterian Young People's and as a leader in the Scout movement at Kew Beach School.

Reid Scott is national president of the C.C.F. University Federation, and a promising young leader within the C.C.F. movement.

A BIT OF Nonsense

The distinguished clergyman, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, was awakened from his slumber one bitter winter morning about two o'clock by an exceedingly drunk young man banging on his door. "Who are you, young man?" Dr. Fosdick called down, "and what do you want at this hour of the morning?"

"Doctor," the visitor replied in plaintive, quavering tones, "I would like to have you give me an explanation of the difference between Modernism and Fundamentalism."

"Young man," counseled Dr. Fosdick, shivering miserably in his pajamas and inadequate dressing gown, "let me persuade you to go home, sober up, and come here again at a more reasonable hour. Then I will be glad to explain the difference to you."

There was a period of silence, and then a soft, almost inarticulate voice, sobbing bitterly: "The trouble with that, doctor, is that when I get sober, I won't give a d—n."

She wanted to impress the Hollywood magnate with whom she sat at a dinner, and remarked, gushingly: "I love Keats."

"Dot's fine," he replied. "I'm always glad to meet a young lady who loves Keats."

One rainy afternoon Aunt Sue was explaining the meaning of various words to her young nephew.

"Now, an heirloom, my dear, means something that has been handed down from father to son," she said.

"Well," replied the boy thoughtfully, "that's a queer name for my pants."

WATERTON

By Clifford E. Lee

IN 1857 the British set up an Imperial Commission whose partial task was to study the suitability of the colony of Canada for settlement. But the commission was to study particularly the possibilities of building a road or railroad from the east to the Pacific. The initiative seems to have stemmed mainly from the desire to assure a safer route in the event that it became necessary to transport soldiers to the Orient.

The exploration party sent out has been known as the Palliser expedition from the name of the military officer who commanded it, an expedition now applied to a hotel in Calgary. Some extremely able men held technical positions in the expedition and led its various parties. The extent of their activities is still indicated by mountain maps. Sullivan, Hector and Bourgeau, for instance, are names of mountains and mountain lakes familiar to the tourist. Sullivan was the expedition's geographer, Hector its geologist and Bourgeau its botanist.

The report of the commission was published in 1863 and contained much data we have profitably used in developing Canada since. Once again efforts expended in the interests of war have paid off in other than military ways. But typically, a hundred years ago as now, it took the possibility of war to provide the drive that our economic way of life, in peacetime, seems invariably to lack.

One of the Palliser parties was led by Thomas Blakiston. In 1858 he paid the first recorded visit by a white man to the area now set aside as a national park in the 220 square mile south-west corner of Alberta. After an English naturalist he named the chain of lakes there Waterton Lakes.

Blakiston himself is commemorated in the naming of Blakiston Brook. The path carved by this stream through a mountain range is the South Kootenay pass. In the fur-trading days it was a main avenue of commerce. But even then the pressure of competition often ended in war. The pass became a famous Indian battleground.

In its lower reaches Blakiston Brook flows through a wide green valley studded with beautiful outcroppings of deep red rock. When these plains were first seen they were black with animals, a thought which today prompts the recollection that the bounties of nature do not last forever, whether they be buffalo or bitumen.

Into this river flat run many tributary valleys. Old timers say it was in these canyons that the cattle rustlers hid their loot. We thought this practice was forever dead. But the news today is that modern rustlers with motor trucks are stealing their unfortunate neighbors' unbranded stock amidst the chaos of the B.C. floods.

One sits high on a mountain and

looks down on this glorious valley. He speculates on the goings-on there a century ago and wonders if civilization has changed man so much.

In a way all its own there is probably no resort in the world like Waterton national park. Even the Rockies are different. Color not size is their keynote, with their bands and splashes of golds, greens, wines, yellows and purples. The geographical features of this area are distinctly glacial in origin. The valleys in which the lakes hang on the mountain sides are conspicuously ice-carved.

The remnants of the glaciers are still there. They have been in retreat. But we are told that one day they may again stretch over the places which are populated today. Man will have had his time to thrive and fight, even to sit on a mountain and dream as I have done, but his lifetime will have been but a fleeting second in the lifetime of that glacier on the mountain.

The thought gives poignancy to the lines:

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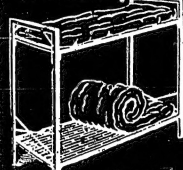
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PERSONAL STUFF

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book" which was the chief text book of his campaign in 1935, in referring to the natural resources of the province said: "At the present time this great wealth is being selfishly manipulated and controlled by one or more of the 'Fifty Big Shots of Canada.'" Our natural resources, he said, constituted the "cultural heritage" of the citizens of the province "and should never be allowed to go entirely to the control of any small group of men." That was in 1935. But, as Maclean's writer tells us, "the once-radical Social Credit regime has come a long way" since then. And now we face the question posed by the magazine writer: "Have the voters gone through the same process of change as their government?"

The voters themselves will answer that question, with their ballots. But they could make the wrong answer because you and I have failed to do our part to place the facts before them. And that brings me right back to the thing I have been harping on in this column for some weeks and of which maybe you are getting tired. But what else can we do? Yesterday they brought down to me from the C.C.F. provincial office the estimated minimum budget for the conduct of our campaign. It totalled \$15,195.24. Compared with what will be spent by our Liberal and Social Credit opponents it's chicken feed. I suppose it is foolish to reveal our suggested budget. No other party does anything of the kind. But we've taken the stand from the beginning that what political parties spend on elections is the people's business. And even more, what it's spent for. The three big items in our budget are for literature, newspaper advertising and radio. They amount to \$11,945.24. And I cannot too strongly emphasize the fact that unless we have that much to spend on those items we will not be able to hold up our end in competition with our opponents.

I'm not asking you to "give" something to the C.C.F. campaign. I'm asking you to make an investment. Out at Glendon where we had that highly enthusiastic nomination convention for the constituency of St. Paul last week, a man in the audience told us this story: "My brother lives in Saskatchewan. His little boy received a terrible burn. He was in the hospital for months and months. It would have cost my brother over a thousand dollars if it had not been for the C.C.F. government's hospital scheme. My bro-

ther had paid \$5.00 for his little boy's hospital fee. The government paid the hospital bill. It was worth a thousand dollars to my brother to have a C.C.F. government". If the little boy's father had put \$10.00, or \$25.00, or even \$100.00 into the C.C.F. campaign fund in 1944, it was a good investment, wasn't it? But if you are not interested in it as an investment for yourself, send your contribution to the campaign fund because it is the most effective way in which you can do something worthwhile for your fellow man. And that, I know, is the clinching argument as far as readers of the People's Weekly are concerned.

Whose Election

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an amendment to the criminal code.

Minister No Farmer

The appointment as Minister of Agriculture of a man who, while born on a farm, has no farm training either as a practical farmer or as a scientific farmer, has shown the paucity of cabinet material within the ranks. Propagandists are plentiful.

The complete sell-out of the natural resources has raised a growing feeling of indignation in the minds of Alberta people. The Department of Education has created new problems rather than solving old ones.

Whose election is this? Is it a matter of Mr. Manning and his cabinet or is it really the business of Alberta people, including the 70,000 that voted socialist the last time?

Failed to Do

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Manitoba and Alberta governments, both of which failed to pass the required provincial legislation, have been running around in circles wondering what to do, until it is now too late to do anything for this year," the C.C.F. leader said.

The federal government, which had the primary responsibility, has tried to put the blame for lack of action on the two provincial governments, he added. "Of course, all three are to blame," Mr. Roper charged. "But there was no need for Alberta and Manitoba to be placed in their present position. If they had followed the example of Saskatchewan and passed the necessary provincial enabling legislation last March, the sole responsibility would have been on the federal government. Ottawa would have been 'on the spot,'" The C.C.F. leader said the Alberta government is now making political capital out of

the fact that provincial farm leaders have agreed that there is no point in calling a special session of the legislature to pass enabling legislation now, when Manitoba has definitely refused to call such a session.

"Of course, there is nothing to be gained by holding a special session now," he declared. "But there never should have been any need for a special session. Without any quibble about whether it was legally necessary or not, the legislation should have passed in the regular session in March."

"The federal government would then have had no excuse for its inaction. And it wouldn't have been necessary for Mr. Manning and Mr. Maynard to run back and forth between Edmonton and Ottawa, or to enter into any involved explanations about who is or who is not to blame for the failure to carry out the wishes of the farmers," he concluded.

"It has not been necessary for Premier Douglas to hire the radio to justify his position, because he did the right thing at the right time," said Mr. Roper.

Time For A

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the resources getting into the hands of the "fifty big shots" or other small groups. "It is an ironic commentary on the course that the present Social Credit government has taken, that it should be so prodigal in dispensing of the people's resources to the very same big shots," the C.C.F. leader added.

"If the people of Alberta elect a C.C.F. government they will get an entirely new deal in respect to their natural resources," Mr. Roper declared. "We recognize that our resources must be the basis of our provincial income and the source from which improved social services may be made available to the people," he said.

Sore About Roads

"I find the greatest possible dissatisfaction about roads," he added. "In particular rural people are incensed over the fact that such a large proportion of their tax money is being used for main highways and so little by comparison for their market roads. They are convinced too that there is a colossal waste in building main highways which have to be rebuilt every two or three years."

"We find that there is a great demand in the province for a comprehensive health service which will remove the fear of heavy medical and hospital expenses from the average home," Mr. Roper said. "The great value of the first step to such a goal which was taken by Saskatchewan in providing its universal hospital scheme is recognized by Alberta people who know about it," he declared.

Electricity for Farms

Rural electrification is another issue about which farm people have become very impatient in the opinion of the C.C.F. leader. There is much dissatisfaction too, he believes, over the enormous increase in both provincial and municipal taxation. Financial reports of many municipal districts show that municipal taxpayers are paying several mills for services



The CBC's talk specialist in the Prairie Region, concerned particularly with talks for women, is MISS CATHERINE MACIVER of Winnipeg. Miss MacIver is a native of Saskatchewan and a former school teacher. She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

which in other provinces are paid for out of the provincial treasury.

People's Program

"Everywhere we have gone in the province," said Mr. Roper, "We have been congratulated over the fact that our C.C.F. coincides so closely with the decisions of various organizations of the people. This is not surprising," he added, "because the people who make up the C.C.F. conventions where our program is made are usually the people who are most active in the affairs of their own communities and of the farm and labor organizations."

The C.C.F. is entering the election with confidence, the C.C.F. leader said. He realizes that it will be a very hard fight with unlimited financial resources available to the Social Credit and Liberal parties.

"The stakes are so great for the interests that are exploiting our resources that they will spare nothing to re-elect the present government. But the stakes are equally great for the people of the province," he added, "and there is gratifying evidence that they are alert to the issues which hang on their votes."

Medical Man

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a fee-for-service basis. The report points out that about 35 per cent of a doctor's income is spent on expenses of his practice.

Says Mr. Kelly: "The arrangement differs in only one respect from the procedure of private practice in that the doctor's account for services rendered is submitted for payment to the secretary-treasurer of the Health Region rather than to the patient."

Most Democratic

Mr. Kelly's report takes exception to the fact that laymen rather than physicians serve on the regional administrative board, but

he concedes that the administration is able, most democratic, and exceptionally open-minded in the operation of the experiment.

Mr. Kelly concludes: "An observer gathers the impression that here is a successful experiment in the large-scale provision of medical care, courageously applied, efficiently managed and remarkably free from attempts to make the facts fit preconceived ideas, financial or otherwise. . . . The insured population of the Region is enjoying medical service of a high quality and there is ample evidence that their demand for the services of doctors has increased since the inception of the plan. . . . The participating physicians appear to be satisfied with the operation of the plan which differs so little from conditions of private practice."

Asks Revision

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of the conditions on which the grants are offered. Mr. Douglas charged that the requirement making a province maintain its present level of services and expenditures in order to qualify for the grants would be "unrealistic in a period of basic depression."

Impossible Restrictions

"The provinces," Mr. Douglas said, "must be able to rely on continuing Dominion support for essential programs when their own revenues drop."

The Dominion's offer to the provinces, announced by Prime Minister MacKenzie King on May 14, included grants for a health survey, public health, venereal disease control, tuberculosis control, cancer, crippled children, mental health, public health research, professional training and hospital construction.

While promising Saskatchewan co-operation, Mr. Douglas has made representations to National Health and Welfare Minister Martin, expressing his government's grave concern that the Dominion's 1945 proposals for health insurance had been indefinitely postponed.

The health grant program, Mr. Douglas said, was based on population only and failed to recognize differences in wealth among the provinces. This was an unfair basis for distribution of federal funds for health purposes.

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